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TAGS: MOPS, IR

SUBJ: ALLEGED IRANIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST YEMEN

KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT

1. FOLLOWING STORY APPEARED IN DEC. 7 WASHINGTON POST:

QUOTE: A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTH YEMEN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT SAID THAT IRANIAN ARMY FORCES WERE CONCENTRATED ON THE YEMENI BORDER AND IRANIAN NAVAL AND AIR FORCE UNITS WERE MOVING TOWARD THE SMALL ARAB COUNTRY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID RELATED MOVEMENTS OF THE U.S. 7TH FLEET NEAR THE STRAITS OF BAB EL MANDAB AT THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE RED SEA AND ISRAELI MOVEMENTS ON RED SEA ISLANDS  
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NEARBY 'HERALD AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SITUATION' AND ARE  
PART OF AN IMPERIALIST EFFORT TO DOMINATE ARAB OIL FIELDS.  
END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR RECEIVED NO QUESTIONS ON THIS  
STORY. IF ASKED WE PLAN TO SAY WE CANNOT CONFIRM STORY. KISSINGER

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